

## IPP Agency Forum June 26, 2007



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#### Introduction



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#### **Business Problem**



## Order-to-Pay is Paper, People, and Time-Intensive

- Expensive to process paper
- It can take agencies weeks or months to process a vendor payment
- Agencies (and FMS) field many phone and e-mail inquiries from payees asking for more payment-related information

## **Business Problem (Cont'd)**



- Pressure on agencies to modernize financial management systems and processes
  - » President's Management Agenda



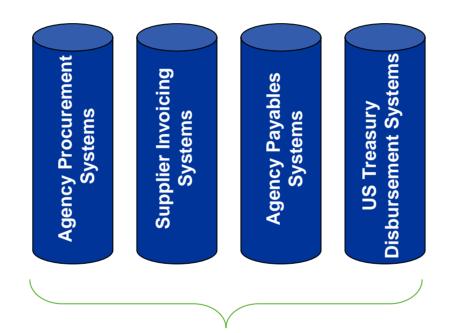
- Process standardization efforts gaining traction
  - Financial Management LOB



## **Business Problem (Cont'd)**



## The Order-to-Pay Cycle is "Stove-piped"



Multiple financial systems do not share related data

## **The Internet Payment Platform**



- Is a Web-based payment information service provided by the Financial Management Service
- Is a free service for both government agencies and their suppliers
- Centralizes purchase order, invoice, and payment information for agencies and suppliers
- Aggregates suppliers across multiple
  Government agencies –deploy a vendor once to
  transact with all participating agencies
- Allows federal agencies and their suppliers to eliminate paper for order-to-pay transactions

#### What the IPP Is Not



- NOT a replacement for an Agency ERP System
- NOT a replacement for an Agency Procurement or Accounts Payable (A/P) platform
- NOT the system of record for a business transaction

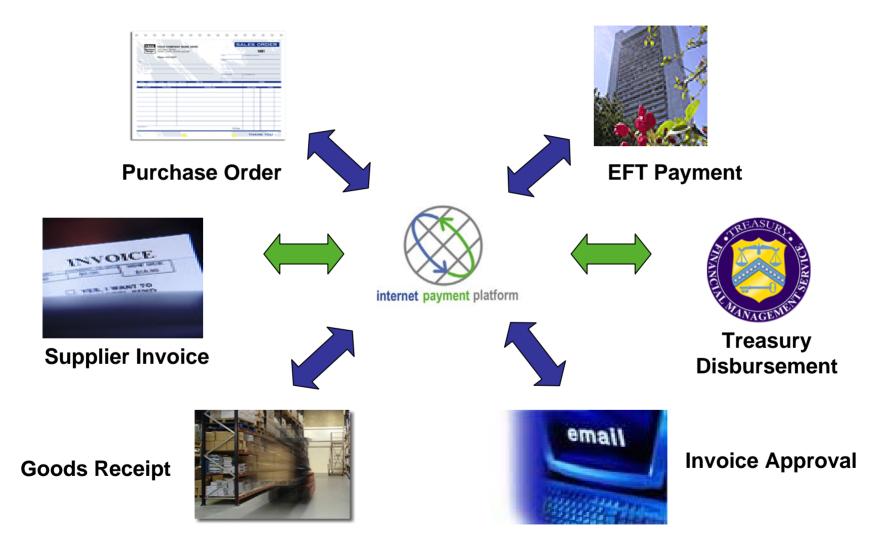
#### **IPP Features**



- Supplier Enrollment automated, balance with our services and your relationship
- Supplier Portal manage their own accounts and roles
- Agency Portal access to all payment related information
- Email Notification configurable: status, action, escalation
- Digital Purchase Order Presentment ASN, ACK
- Digital Invoices PO Flip, web-form, upload (matching)
- Workflow/Routing Roles, Actions, Backups
- Remittance Data Offset, Returns, Status
- Customer Support supplier and agency implementation and post implementation

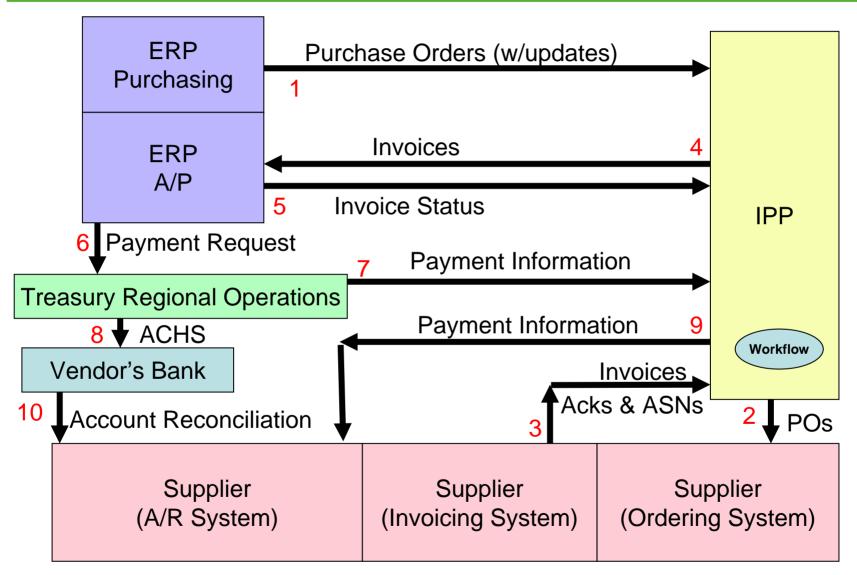
## **IPP** is Visibility into all Data





#### **IPP Information Flow Overview**





## **How Does the IPP Benefit Agencies?**



# The IPP is an opportunity for agencies to streamline processes and eliminate time consuming inefficiencies

Streamlined Processes

Improves purchase order and invoice flows through electronic automation

Reduction in Paper-Based Expenses Provides a new channel for electronic presentment of POs and invoices, reducing expenses associated with paper and postage

Primary Agency Benefits

Improved Vendor Relations

Improves supplier / merchant relations by reducing late payments and providing for discount opportunities

Time-Saving Systems

Minimizes agency time spent responding to payment-related email and phone inquiries through vendor self-help over the Web

#### **IPP Considerations**



- IPP is implemented in a modular fashion
  - ➤ Electronic purchase order delivery to suppliers
  - ➤ Electronic invoice submission from suppliers
  - ➤ Invoice routing for on-line approval (Workflow)
  - Discount management
  - Payment and adjustment reporting
  - ➤ Email notification options

## **IPP Considerations (Cont'd)**



- Endorsed as part of the FMLOB's Standard Payment Process
- Interfaces with all major financial systems (Oracle, SAP, Momentum, etc.)
  - File-based system interaction
- Downstream from Procurement process
  - IPP accepts and delivers only approved Purchase Orders
  - Does not interact with CCR to avoid supplier confusion

## **IPP Considerations (Cont'd)**



- Process of making payment request from Treasury stays the same as today
  - Certification in SPS
- IPP live in production in November 2007
  - Working with agencies now for initial implementation
  - ➤ Agency implementation takes 4 6 months

#### The IPP Team



- FMS owns and manages the IPP service
- The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (FRBB) develops, operates and maintains the IPP
- FMS and FRBB will support agency implementation and supplier outreach activities at no charge
  - Before: assist agency staff
  - During: manage campaign and enroll suppliers
  - > After: provide support

## **Next Steps**



## To start the implementation process:

- Schedule an Information Session
- Sign an Agency Participation Agreement
- Name an Executive Sponsor and a Project Manager
- Get to Work!

For more information go to <a href="https://www.ipp.gov">www.ipp.gov</a>

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